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Dolores County Board of County Commissioners
409 N Main Street
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RE: Notification of Flood Dike Upgrades at Rico-Argentine Site, Rico Tunnels Operable Unit OU01, Unilateral Administrative Order for a Time-Critical Removal Action, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 8

Atlantic Richfield Company (AR) is submitting this letter to the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners to serve as notification of construction on the flood dike on the east bank of the Dolores River adjacent to the Rico-Argentine Mine settling ponds. Pursuant to the email correspondence from Amber Fisher at Dolores County included in the Attachment, we are sending a brief written explanation of the upgrades to the flood dike.

The flood dike upgrades will consist of raising the embankment and replacing riprap in select areas along the flood dike based on analyses performed under Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") and subsequent UAO Amendment to Order (dated March 28, 2011) for a Time-Critical Removal Action ("Order") to Atlantic Richfield Company (Docket Number: CERCLA-08-2011-0005, dated March 23, 2011) pursuant to Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a) ("CERCLA"), Executive Order 12580 (dated January 23, 1987), and Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Delegation numbers 14-14-A and 14-14-B.

Figure 1.1 in the Attachment is a location map showing the general area for the flood dike upgrades, and Figure 1.2 shows the specific locations for the embankment raise and riprap replacement. Additional information can be provided on the specific design if desired. Construction is expected to begin April 1, 2012.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (714) 228-6770 or via email at Anthony.Brown@bp.com.

Sincerely,



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